(b) is so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Hyderabad DD has also been selected for the purpose; and

(d) if so, when it is going to be digitised ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF DISINVESTMENT (SHRI ARUN JAITLEY) : (a) and (b) Through satellite uplinking, Doordarshan already transmits programmes in digital mode in respect of the following 5 channels—DD-I, DD-II, DD News, DD Sports and DD India. However, in terrestrial mode, Doordarshan has planned digital transmission along with analog signals on experimental basis, from Delhi, Mumbai, Calcutta and Chennai Kendras during 2000-2001.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Banning Entry of Foreign Media

3134. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are planning to move any broadcasting Bill;

(b) whether the ban on entry of foreign media is going to stay; and

(c) if the answer to part (b) above is affirmative, how the domestic media industry would be saved from onslaught of foreign media ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF DISINVESTMENT (SHRI ARUN JAITLEY) : (a) and (c) The Government proposes to bring before the Parliament a comprehensive legislation which will, inter-alia, provide for regulatory mechanism for various aspects of broadcasting. However, the exact details are yet to be finalized and no time frame can be indicated for the same as yet.

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†3135. SHRI BALKAVI BAIRAGI : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.